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For: **THE USE OF CALCIUM CARBONATE IN AN ACIDIC AQUEOUS MEDIA**

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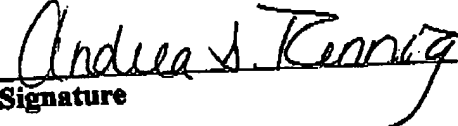
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The subject application was filed on April 4, 2001. On February 28, 2003 and Office Action was sent to Applicant. Applicant filed a response on July 21, 2003 with a petition and fee for a 2 month extension. A "Notice of Abandonment," dated October 3, 2003 was sent to Applicant. Upon receipt, I (agent of record) called Examiner of Record (Peter Chin) to inquire as to the reason for the "Notice of Abandonment" and was requested to "Re-Fax" the response which I did on October 8, 2003. On January 24, 2005, upon reviewing the file for another unrelated issue, realized we had never received a subsequent Office Action. Upon further investigation saw no additional movement with respect to the Examination of the application. Therefore, neither response by the Applicant had been entered. Messages were left for Examiner Chin and on January 26, 2005, I spoke with Examiner Chin in person. I was instructed to file a "Petition for Unintentional Abandonment through No Fault of Applicant" explaining the facts surrounding this case. The Petition was filed on February 7, 2005. I again called Examiner Chin on Monday July 11, 2005 and have not received a response as of July 13, 2005.

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Therefore, as we have had no indication as to the status of this application, could you please inform us as to when examination might be resumed.

Respectfully submitted,



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